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## THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

- 1. Towards the end of the year 1954 the first steps were taken in the Wachbereitschaft "A" of the SfS, Berlin-Adlershof, to reorganize the unit. The First Bettalion was transferred from Adlershof to the former Berlin-Johannisttalairport. The First Battalion was strengthened by members of the Second and Third Battalions and new recruits. Allegedly, the new members are politically trustworthy.
- 2. The new unit is commanded by Col. FIGHT BRUCHT, former commander of the Machbereitschaft. The Chief of Staff is Major SASS, who held the same position in the Machbereitschaft. The official designation of the unit is Ministry of the Interior, State Secretariat for State Security, Kasernierte Machbereitschaft. The strength of the unit currently is about two battaliens.
- 3. The remnants of the Second and Third Pattalions are alleged to have referred to their unit as a division. Peperterly, the division will be trained in the use of heavy weapons.
- 4. Soldiers seen at the Johannistial installation have bright red branch markings and also violet blue. The violet blue markings have previously not been reported 25X1 25X1
- 5. The designation for the old Second and Third Battalions of the Machbereitschaft is now Ministry of the Interior, State Secretariat for State Security, Machregiment, Berlin. The old Second and Third Battalions have now been named the First and Second Battalions and a third battalion is expected. The Machregiment, Berlin, is allegedly commanded by 1st Lt. (fmm) BARTH, who is the Deputy Political Officer and Administrative Officer of the old Machbereitschaft. The Machregiment remains at its old quarters at Berlin-Adlershof, Budowerschaussee 16-25. The branch color of the Machregiment is, as before, bright red.

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6. The assignments of the two new units are believed to be the same as those carried out by the old Machbereitschaft, that is, the guarding of SfC offices, residential areas and protection of the DR Government.

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